

PATENT APPLICATION  
DOCKET NO. L7059-0001

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- A postage stamp providing an indication of successful completion of a sterilization process. The postage stamp is affixed to a mail article. The mail article is then collected by the postal service for processing.
- 5      The mail article is subjected to sterilization by a sterilization apparatus to sterilize the mail article. Upon being successfully sterilized, the postage stamp turns color to indicate completion of the sterilization process.